Parent/Teacher Interviews

We invite all of our parent and caregivers to parent/teacher interviews in the week commencing Monday, 21 March, 2016.

Parent/teacher interviews are an important part of the school year and teachers are looking forward to sharing your child’s achievements with you.

In 2016, for the first time, we are using an online booking system. www.schoolinterviews.com.au enables you to see which teachers and what times are available.

In the main, teachers will be available on Wednesday, 23 March 2016 between 3:15pm and 7pm. Each teacher will also offer additional times.

Accompanying this newsletter is an instruction sheet for how to book. If you experience any difficulties in booking, please contact the office on 42951852 or call in and see us.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter our event code of 2w73f

Bookings close on 22 March, 2016.

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ Windang PS

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A new Staff Member

Commencing on Tuesday, 8 March, Mr Matthew Teudt will be joining our staff every Tuesday.

Matt will be working with our children on environmental programs around our school, including working with our students and community members on creating a sustainable garden and outdoor learning environment. He is an experienced teacher who is currently working at Bellambi PS on a similar program.

Over the year Matt will work with each class but will start with just 4 classes this semester. Welcome to Windang, Matt.

Crossing Upgrade

Wollongong City Council have advised us that work to upgrade our crossing should commence this week. We expect that works will take between 6 – 8 working days and further information is contained in a letter accompanying this newsletter.

During the works, the crossing will be moved slightly south to the driveway that gives access to our waste bins. Our crossing ladies and the council team will work together to ensure our students are safe during this time.

Please take the time to cross where you should – at the crossing, under the careful direction of our supervisors.

Local History

MMJ Windang have asked that any local historians contact them for their local history initiative. They are keen to make contact with anyone who has stories and/or photos about our local area. Please ask for Dimity if you can help them.

Scenes from Week 4

GOTCHAS

- Amelie – 4M
- Riley – 4M
- Brodie – 1E

Food Works Voucher

Congratulations to Amelie of 4M who won last week’s Food Works voucher.

Healthy Eating

- Marley – 2PM
- Lucas – 4M
- Ms. Papesch
We're on Twitter - @WindangPS

As a way of connecting with our community and to the wider world, Windang Public now has a Twitter account. Twitter is just one of the ways we will be seeking to use social media to share news of our school and students during 2016.

The Department of Education has strict guidelines regarding how social media is used in schools and permission must be sought from families before children’s images are used. With that in mind, we will only be tweeting news, links or pictures of teachers and general school shots until all of those permissions are in place.

You can view our page on Twitter at https://twitter.com/WindangPS without joining Twitter but you can also download the app and follow us. If you require help in setting up a Twitter account in order to follow us and would like some help, please see Mrs Tolhurst.

School Calendar

Accompanying today's newsletter is an update to last week’s calendar. The Stage 3 excursion has moved to Wednesday, 6 April due to a booking conflict at Mt. Keira. The children will now be travelling to Minnamurra rainforest.

Over the next few weeks we will be working to update the school’s website so that all dates are listed in the calendar there. Until then, we will keep the calendar accompanying the newsletter updated weekly.

Reminders...

A few reminders for all members of our school community.

1. **All year 6 students will receive their Expression of Interest forms for entry into high school in 2017 over the next few days. These should be completed and returned to school by 18/3/2016.**

2. School Fees are now due. If there are any problems with payment of school fees, please make an appointment with Mrs Tolhurst

3. **There will be no fishing this Friday due to our Clean Up Australia work.** Fishing will commence again on March 11.

4. The emergency entrance and exit at the northern end of the school should be kept clear at all times.
Awards

Regional Swimming Carnival

Fast times to all of our competitors at next Tuesday's Regional Swimming carnival. It is a wonderful achievement to make this level of competition. We wish you all every success.

Extra congratulations to Jackson Walsh who is the Mid-South District 11 Years Boy swimming champion. We have received Jackson’s medal at school and are looking forward to presenting it at our next Special Assembly on Tuesday, 5 April at 2:10pm.

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day will be honoured this Friday by the students of Windang Public. Students in Kinder to year 2 will be cleaning up around the school, while students in years 3-6 will be helping to clean the lake foreshores.

All students will need gloves and a plastic shopping bag. Students in years 3-6 who have not provided the school with the blue update form, which contains a general permission slip, will not be allowed to walk to the lake. Those students will remain at school to assist the younger students.

We are lucky to live in a spectacular part of the world. It is terrific that we can help to keep it beautiful.

Sport News from Mrs McDonald
The Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) starts next Monday the 7th of March and finishes on Friday the 19th of August 2016. It is always an important activity in our yearly calendar.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The library has a section designated to display the PPC books to assist students to locate, read and borrow these books easily. Furthermore, each classroom has a tub of PRC books allocated for class time reading.

To complete the challenge, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 need to have read 30 books and they will have their PRC books read to them in class or the library. Students from Years 3-6 need to read 20 books. Students will be given opportunities to read their books in class but it is encouraged they also read at home to successfully complete the challenge. Students will be given time to enter their books online, in class reading groups, or they can visit the library at lunch time for assistance. **It is then their responsibility to log these books on the PRC website themselves.**

If you would like your child to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge, students in years 3 to 6 can logon to the Premiers Reading Challenge website [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html) using their student login they use at school and keep a record of the books they have completed.

HOW TO: On the left hand panel, select logon. Enter their login details, then select Student Reading Records. This is where they can enter the books they have read. Students will have been shown how to do this in their library time. Students will be given a Reading log to keep a record of what they have read, they can then enter the books online. The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes, for the students that don’t have internet access at home or who need some assistance with entering their books.

To view the booklists or to access the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s) the student’s logon is not required.

Any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask me.

PRC Co-Ordinator
Mrs Kylie McCarthy
Notice to Residents and School Users  
Oakland Avenue- Windang  
Pedestrian Refuge/School Crossing Upgrades

Wollongong City Council will commence construction and upgrades of the school crossing at Oakland Avenue, Windang on Tuesday, 1st March 2016. These improvement works are part of Council’s commitment to improve and maintain the city’s assets.

Works are expected to take 6 days, weather permitting.

You may experience delays at Oakland Avenue, Windang while motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and students are detoured around the works which will be under traffic control conditions.

Access will be available under the guidance of Traffic Controllers.

Access to properties may be restricted and alternative arrangements for parking will need to be made while construction works are carried out.

We apologise for any inconvenience during this time.

If you have any enquiries concerning these works, please contact Council’s Civil Coordinator on 4227 7111.

Mick Del Ben  
Works Coordinator
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly. Bookings must be finalised before the 22nd of March at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents and families that do not have internet access, please see us at the school office. Parents and caregivers may also send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 42951852. Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

- Simply enter the code and press "Go"
- Enter your details
- Select the teachers you wish to see
- Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 22nd March at 4pm.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 42951852

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
FUNDRAISING MEETING 1.45pm @ Club Windang Tuesday 8th March. All Welcome! At this meeting we will be discussing all events/ideas/plans for 2016 to then take to the next P&C meeting for voting on. If you are unable to attend but have an idea, please email me vickisweet70@hotmail.com with full details and number of volunteers needed to run it, or leave at the office.

Next P&C meeting FRIDAY 18th March 9.30AM

BANK BOOKS DUE IN THURSDAYS
please return books to office by Thursday each week and you will receive a silver token with each deposit. When you are eligible you will receive a gold token, and then enclose 10 silver tokens and your reward choice. The OUTBACK Theme is for 2016 and the following rewards are available term 1: Flying Snake Tail & Writing Set

!!!We would love 1 or 2 more volunteers for banking. It will be an hour or two ONCE a month, please come and see me or Karmen for more information or leave your details at the office!!!

Entertainment Books  PRE ORDERS available very soon. We will be selling these again this year and would love you all to spread the word please. Watch this space for availability. You only have to dine a couple of times or use for attractions and you’ve made your money back. After 10 books are sold we are then entitled to receive 20% back from every sale.

UNIFORM SHOP  opens Monday and Friday mornings following assembly. Cash, Cheque or EFT. Sorry no Cards accepted. Orders with payment can be left at the office anytime also Lay By’s welcome.

!!!ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING AT THE SHOP PLEASE COME AND SEE US. We would love to have enough for a roster!!!

MARCH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

EASTER RAFFLE and Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive
hot Cross bun Order forms ARE Due back 17th March, delivery to school 23rd March

MUFTI DAY with an Easter EGG/ Easter Item Donation  FRIDAY 18th MARCH
Raffle Tickets will be sent out today and due back Tuesday 22nd March.
Raffle will be drawn at Easter hat Parade Wednesday 23rd March
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